Bus Rider Contract

Compass Rose Public Schools is committed to excellent customer service in providing transportation services to students. Transportation is an opportunity we believe all students deserve. We do, however, expect that students maintain high expectations and observe the student code of conduct and behaviors outlined in this contract. Please review the bus rider contract with your student.

Student Expectations:

- Follow directions of your bus driver.
- Stay in your seat. Students are expected to wear seatbelts.
- No food on the bus.
- Keep the noise level safe (so you can hear directions from the driver).
- Adhere to the requirements of the Compass Rose Student Code of Conduct.

Parent/Guardian Expectations:

- Parent, guardian, or adult responsible will ensure the student is dropped off and picked up on time from their bus stop.
- Parent, guardian, or adult responsible will not board the bus.
- Parent, guardian, or adult responsible may not use their vehicle to block or stop the bus so that the student may board the bus.
- Parent, guardian, or adult responsible may not engage in a verbal altercation with a bus driver. Any transportation concerns should be reported directly to the school or Star Shuttle management at 800-341-6000.

My student and I are committed to abiding by the expectations outlined in this
bus ridership contract.
I understand that failure to adhere to these expectations may result in temporary
or permanent suspension of bus riding privileges.

Please review the most common incidents & consequences listed below.

Level I and 2 Incidents

Level I and 2 incidents are behaviors that are generally disruptive of the bus riding experience and can impact the normal and usual operations of the school bus.

Below are the most common Level I incidents (may rise to a higher offense, depending on context):

- Sitting outside of assigned seats
- Standing without permission of the driver
- Walking in front of the bus
- Excessive noise or loud music
- Eating/drinking/chewing gum/littering the bus
- Horseplay
- Other behaviors which disrupt the normal and usual operation of the school bus
- Running inside the bus while it is parked
- Out of seat without permission

Consequences:

- Students involved in Level I incidents will meet with a school leader to validate the information reported. The school leader will administer the appropriate discipline and inform parents/guardians about the situation.
- The discipline may include, but is not limited to, restorative conversation or intervention, after school detention, loss of fun activity privileges at school, and/or participation in field trips.
- Repeated offenses will result in up to two (2) days suspension from the bus.
- ☐ I have read and understand level 1 incidents & consequences.

Below are the most Common Level 2 incidents (may rise to a higher offense, depending on context):

- Habitual Level 1 incidents
- Failure to follow bus driver requests (getting out of the bus, sitting down, quieting down, etc.)
- Inappropriate or disruptive behavior toward other vehicles/drivers alongside the bus, or at the bus stop
- Throwing/shooting of any object in or out of bus
- Hanging out of windows with any part of the body
- Putting hands on another person, except for shaking hands, fist-bump, or high five

Consequences:

- Students involved in Level 2 incidents will meet with a school leader to validate the information reported. The school leader will administer the appropriate discipline and inform parents/guardians about the situation.
- The discipline may include, but is not limited to, restorative conversation or intervention, after school detention, loss of fun activity privileges at school, and/or participation in field trips.
- Up to two (2) days suspension from the bus.

Level 3 Incidents

Level 3 incidents are behaviors that directly disrespect bus drivers and can put the bus rider's own safety or the safety of other students riding the bus in jeopardy.

Below are the most Common Level 3 incidents (may rise to a higher offense, depending on context):

- Habitual Level 2 incidents
- Refusing to properly identify yourself to the bus driver
- Pushing, shoving or rushing while waiting, entering, exiting the bus
- Unauthorized entering or leaving the bus through an emergency exit or window
- Vandalism up to \$100 to the bus or any bus-related equipment (restitution will be required as well)
- Disrupting the normal activities of a business where a stop is located
- Profanity, verbal abuse, harassment, inappropriate gestures, or possession of inappropriate materials
- Knowingly and without permission riding an unassigned bus or using an unassigned bus stop
- Videotaping an incident that is not allowed on the school bus. The school bus is considered school property.
- Other offenses and behaviors that disrespect bus drivers, students, the motoring public, or pedestrians

Consequences:

- Students involved in Level 3 incidents will meet with a school leader to validate the information collected in the Transportation Incident Report. The school leader will administer the appropriate discipline and inform parents/guardians about the situation.
- The discipline may include, but is not limited to, restorative conversation or intervention, after-school detention, loss of fun activity privileges at school, and/or participation in field trips.
- Three (3) days suspension from the bus.
- ☐ I have read and understand level 3 incidents & consequences.

Level 4 and 5 Incidents

Level 4 and 5 incidents are the most serious behavior problems. These actions put the

bus driver and riders' safety in jeopardy.

Below are the most common Level 4 and 5 incidents:

- Habitual level 3 offenses
- Lighting matches, lighters, or any other flammable object or substance
- Possession or threats of possession of a weapon, explosive, or flammables
- Possession or use of tobacco or any controlled substance
- Physical altercation, bullying, threatening, or harassment of any person on the bus
- Possession or use of a laser pen or pointer
- Failure to follow directions during an emergency
- Vandalism over \$100 to the bus or any bus-related equipment (restitution will be required as well)
- Other offenses and behaviors which seriously jeopardize the safety of the bus driver, other students, the motoring public, or pedestrians

Consequences:

- Students involved in Level 4 and 5 incidents will meet with a school leader to validate the information collected in the Transportation Incident Report. The school leder will administer the appropriate discipline and inform parents/guardians about the situation.
- Any applicable level 1, 2, or 3 disciplinary consequence.
- Five (5) to ten (10) days suspension or permanent removal from the bus.
- These offenses may also lead to long-term suspension from school or expulsion.
- ☐ I have read and understand level 4-5 incidents & consequences.

